

AMENDMENTS TO DRAWINGS

Please amend the drawings as described below. The “Annotated Marked-Up Drawing Sheet” for FIG. 5B shows the changes in red ink. The associated “Replacement Drawing Sheet” for FIG. 5B corresponds to the description of the amendments to the drawing appearing in the Remarks section.

In particular, a portion of the legend in FIG. 5B has been changed from “ $\times 10^{-1} \text{m}^6$ ” to “ $\times 10^{-1} \text{m}^{-1}$ ”.

Attachments: Annotated Marked-Up Drawing Sheet

Replacement Drawing Sheet

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REMARKS

Upon entry of this amendment, claims 1-5 and 7-14 will be remain pending. Claims 1-5 and 7-14 have been allowed according to the Notice of Allowance mailed May 23, 2006.

Amendment to FIG. 5B

By this Amendment, a typographical error in FIG. 5B has been corrected.

Amendment to Specification

By this Amendment, Paragraph Nos. 18, 20, 26, 59, 61 and 64 have been amended. A typographical error in each paragraph has been corrected.

Amendment to Claims 1 & 3

By this Amendment, claims 1 and 3 are amended. The amendments to claims 1 & 3 are needed to correct a respective typographical error in each claim. In claim 1, the phrase “function wavelength” has been changed to --function of wavelength-- (underlined emphasis added) to make the phraseology of claim 1 more consistent with the phraseologies of other claims (e.g., claims 2 and 8-11). In claim 3, two instances of the word “the” has been corrected to delete the second of the two instances.

Entry is Appropriate

Regarding the various amendments mentioned above, it is submitted that the skilled artisan would have recognized the typographical errors and understood that the intent was to

have recited the corrected text, respectively. These amendments merely carry out the corrections that the skilled artisan would have understood as being appropriate. As such, it is submitted that these claim amendments do not significantly change the scope of the claims.

Entry into the record of the present amendment is deemed appropriated for the following reasons.

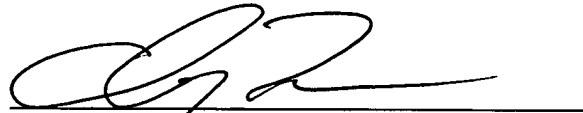
- (A) The present amendments are needed to correct the above-noted typographical errors.
- (B) The present amendment does not require additional search nor more than a cursory review of the record because it does not significantly change the scope of any allowed claim.
- (C) The claims remain patentable for the reasons of record.
- (D) The present amendments to the specification and to FIG. 5B were not earlier presented because the subtlety of the typographical errors lent themselves to being overlooked, which had been the circumstance until preparation to pay the issue fee began after receipt of the Notice of Allowance.
- (E) The present amendments to claims 1 and 3 were not earlier presented because the presentation of the preceding amendments in markup format to claims 1 and 3 led to the respective typographical errors being overlooked. It was not until preparation to pay the issue fee, which involved reviewing a clean set of claims, that the typographical errors became more apparent.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in better condition for allowance, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the Applicant's undersigned representative at the telephone number set forth below.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 08-0750 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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FIG. 5B

